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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

THE REPLY FILED FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.
 Claim(s) objected to: _____.
 Claim(s) rejected: _____.
 Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.
9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. Other: _____

Gilberto Barrón Jr.
Primary Examiner
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Response to Arguments

1. All amendments submitted prior to the Office action mailed September 30, 2002 were entered. The amendment filed April 2, 2002 contained claims 10-12, 16-17 and 22. Other claims, such as claim 1, were submitted in various other amendments. The pending claim 1, for example, was submitted in the amendment filed March 11, 2002. All claims submitted before September 30, 2002 have been entered and are pending according to the last amendment in which they were presented.
2. The grounds of rejection for all pending claims is set forth in the Final Rejection mailed September 30, 2002.
3. A typographic error was present in addressing claims 9 and 11 in the Advisory Action of December 2, 2002. Inadvertently claims 9 and 1 were stated. This section should correctly have stated claims 9 and 11.
4. New claim 23 is not entered as "After Final" Amendments do not require entry of additional claims without cancellation of corresponding number of finally rejected claims, see section 2(d) of advisory action mailed December 2, 2002.
5. Proposed amendments to claims 18 and 22 that are submitted with this present letter are not entered as directed to new issues that would require further search and/or consideration.
6. Applicant's arguments regarding the Haas patent are not persuasive. Haas qualifies as prior art because the date of filing for the Haas patent is prior to Applicant's filing date as authorized under 102(e). All of the Haas disclosure is available under the statute.

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7. Applicant's arguments regarding the operation of the Haas invention are not persuasive as it is Applicant's claim limitations that must distinguish from the prior art and Applicant has not addressed pending claim language to overcome the prior art of Haas. Further, Applicant addresses Wiedemer only separately from Haas and not in the context of a 103 combined art rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gilberto Barrón Jr. whose telephone number is (703) 305-1830. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

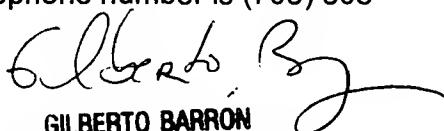
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